

DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES PSYCHOLOGY SUPERVISORS

Joe Alford,

Ph.D., 1982, Texas Tech University
Diplomate in Clinical Psychology, A.B.P.P.

Dr. Alford is the Assistant Administrator for Clinical Services at the Arkansas State Hospital, chief of Psychology and he is an Assistant Clinical Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. His professional interests include innovative treatments for serious mental illness, forensic and neuropsychological assessment, post-traumatic stress disorder, and administration. Personal interests include guitar playing and old movies.

John Althoff,

Ph.D., 1969, Southern Illinois University
Diplomate in Clinical Psychology, A.B.P.P.

Deputy Director, Arkansas Division of Behavioral Health Services. Special interests include planning, financing and administration of mental health services. Dr. Althoff has in the past worked in community psychology, partial hospitalization and day treatment programs as well as having been a past director of the psychology internship program. His personal interests include travel, bicycling and woodworking.

John Anderson,

B.S., State College of Arkansas, 1968
M.S., Northeast Louisiana University, 1972
Ph.D., University of Mississippi, 1978

Dr. Anderson is a staff psychologist on unit B, an adult inpatient acute treatment unit of the State Hospital and is the clinical supervisor for the intern's in their outpatient rotation during the internship. He is also an Assistant Clinical Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. His professional interests include the use of the MMPI-2 in evaluating symptoms presented by persons admitted for inpatient psychiatric treatment and assertive community treatment to assist people discharged from inpatient treatment. Dr. Anderson previously performed court ordered evaluations with the State Hospital Forensic Services Program and served as the Training Coordinator for the Internship Program from 1990 until 2008. He has had several years' experience working in mental health centers and in school consulting as well as nine years as a psychologist working in evaluating and treating psychiatric inpatients. His personal interests include learning to play acoustic & electric guitar.

Mellany Flynn,

B.A., Kalamazoo College, 1999

Psy.D., Wright State University School of Professional Psychology, 2004

Dr. Flynn is the Training Director for the Predoctoral Psychology Internship Program. She is also the staff psychologist on Unit 6 Upper of the Arkansas State Hospital, a psychosocial rehabilitation program for forensic inpatients, and has instructor status in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. Dr. Flynn's professional interests include the evaluation and treatment of serious and persistent mental illness, family therapy, and administration. She has worked in a private group practice setting, community mental health, juvenile and adult correctional settings, and a university-based domestic violence treatment program for victims and perpetrators. She did her predoctoral internship at the Arkansas State Hospital and is glad to be back as a full-time staff member. Her personal interests include traveling, fishing, cooking, watching any television show about forensic science, and playing with her beloved cat, Belle.

April Coe-Hout

B.A., University of Arkansas, 1991

M.A., University of Arkansas, 1994

Ph.D., University of Arkansas, 1997

Dr. Coe Hout is the Program Manager for the Adolescent Services, including the Adolescent Sex Offenders Program, Adolescent Inpatient Treatment Program, and the Adolescent Dual Diagnosis Program. In addition to her administrative responsibilities, she conducts psychological assessments, group therapy, behavioral management consultation, and works with a multidisciplinary treatment team. Her professional interests include treatment and assessment of sex offenders, juvenile delinquent populations, working with diverse populations, and forensic assessments. Her personal interests include traveling, cooking, and reading.

Charles Mallory,

B.S., Little Rock University, 1967

M.S., Baylor University, 1972

Ph.D., Baylor University, 1973

Dr. Mallory is the Director of Forensic Training, coordinates the Forensic Report Quality Improvement Program, and serves as an instructor for the Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship program for the Division of Behavioral Health Services. Until 1998 he was employed as Outpatient Services Director at the Little Rock CMHC, where he supervised psychology interns during their Outpatient treatment rotations. His professional interests include competency to stand trial assessment and detection of malingering. His personal interests include tennis, bicycling, inline skating and woodworking.

John Mangiaracina,

B.A., Loyola University of the South, 1968
M.A., University of Arkansas 1972
Ph.D., University of Arkansas, 1978
M.P.A., University of Arkansas at Little Rock, 1995

Dr. Mangiaracina is a staff psychologist for the Adolescent Residential Treatment Program. He offers several therapy groups, administers psychological tests, devises behavioral management plans, and works with the unit's multidisciplinary treatment team. He joins the staff after many years working in the state's correctional and mental health systems. His personal interests include baseball, making road trips to fine restaurants around the nation, collecting automobiles, and reading.

Jack P. Schaefer,

B.S., Oklahoma State University, 1969
M.S., Oklahoma State University, 1980
Ph.D., Oklahoma State University, 1991

Dr. Schaefer is the staff psychologist on Unit 3-Upper, a 30-bed acute inpatient unit for adults. He conducts group therapy, diagnostic psychological evaluations, and has a leadership role in the treatment team meetings, which formulate patient treatment plans. He has been on the Arkansas State Hospital psychology staff since 1994. Prior to that he worked in Oklahoma's outpatient community mental health system where he was a clinic director, clinician, and a supervisor of clinical and counseling psychology graduate practicum students. Away from work he is an avid golfer and enjoys caring for the family dog, a feisty West Highland white terrier.

Michael J. Simon,

B.S., Emory University, 1976
Ph.D., University of South Carolina, 1982

Dr. Simon supervises psychology at Forensic Services, the Maximum-Security Forensic Treatment and evaluation unit. He conducts competency and responsibility evaluations with criminal defendants, and has previously been a psychologist with the Arkansas Department of Corrections. He is also an instructor at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock where he teaches Abnormal Psychology. He has published twelve articles, and is interested in hypnosis and Dissociative Identity Disorder. His personal interests include baseball card collecting, basketball, and football.

Hillary R. Hunt,

Assistant Director of Training

B.A. Auburn University 1999

M.A. University of Mississippi 2003

Ph.D. University of Mississippi 2006

Pre-Doctoral Internship- ASH 2006

I am a psychologist for the Adolescent Services at ASH with primary placement in the Dual Diagnosis Treatment Program for adolescent males. I enjoy many aspects of my work here at ASH, but my favorite thing is my colleagues in Adolescent Services. In addition to my work at the hospital, I am interested in Behavioral Medicine and Sports Psychology. A former competitive swimmer, I enjoy following U.S. Swimming and Gymnastics. In my free time, I am an avid exerciser (and 2006 Little Rock Marathon finisher) who also enjoys reading, traveling, and playing with my dachshund Emme.

Ron E. Faupel

B.S. Arkansas Tech University, 1980

M.S. University of Central Arkansas, 1989

Psy.D. Forrest Institute of Professional Psychology, 1996

Dr. Faupel is the staff psychologist for Unit Two Lower, a 30 bed unit with acute care and forensic patients. He conducts psychological, forensic, and risk assessments, as well as leads a group and participates in treatment planning. Dr. Faupel has considerable experience with diverse populations of difficult to treat patients. He has worked with several state correctional facilities and developmental disabilities facilities. In addition, he has experience working with children, families, and geriatric populations. Professional interests include individual, group and organization dynamics, family systems, forensics, and personality assessment. His personal interests are his children, outdoor activities, and remodeling projects.

Rebecca Brewer Spohn

B.A. Rhodes College, 1989

M.S., University of Kansas, 1992

Ph.D. University of Memphis, 1995

Dr. Spohn is working part-time as a staff psychologist on the Forensic Evaluation and Treatment Units of the State Hospital. In addition to being a stay-at-home mom for the past few years, Dr. Spohn has experience working at a Veterans Affairs Medical Center, a University Medical Center and private practice. Her professional interests include dynamic issues in psychotherapy, personality assessment, assessment and treatment of PTSD and crisis intervention. Her personal interests include recreational and competitive running and power shopping.